

PREFACE

The Seventh Conference of the International Organization of Citrus Virologists was held in Athens, Greece from September 29 to October 4, 1975. The formal conference was preceded by a tour of agricultural research facilities and citrus growing areas of Israel including stops on the northern coast, in Hibbat Ziyyon, Hamaapil, Lake Tiberias, Zemach, Rehovot, Volcani Center, Saad, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, and the Negev.

In Greece most delegates participated in a post-conference tour to several Greek citrus-producing areas and visited the Benaki Phytopathological Institute, the Poros Arboriculture Station, the Fruit Tree Experiment Station at Xylokastron, the Agricultural Research Station at Chania, and stopped at various private orchards and field plots including those near Heraklion. Several far-famed archaeological sites and museums were also visited.

Following the tour of Greece, many delegates visited Egypt, stopping at orchards in the Delta area and marvelling at antiquities near Alexandria, Cairo, and Luxor.

IOCV delegates were very well received at all stops on the pre- and post-conference tours.

The Seventh Conference of IOCV was sponsored by the Greek Ministry of Agriculture under the auspices of the Greek Ministry of Culture and Sciences. Past-president J. M. Bové served as chairman of the International Committee for Organizing the Seventh Conference and tours.

Ninety delegates, 24 accompanied by their wives, registered for the Conference in Athens. Delegates came from Algeria, Australia, Brazil, Cuba, Cyprus, Egypt, France, Greece, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Mexico, Morocco, Philippines, Reunion, Spain, Taiwan, The Netherlands, Turkey, United States of America, and Uruguay.

At the banquet in Athens on October 4th, L.G. Weathers was installed as Chairman of IOCV to succeed E.C. Calavan. R. Vogel was reported to be elected Chairman-elect but declined the office; subsequently, Stephen M. Garnsey was elected Chairman-elect.

This volume contains new information on our understanding of stubborn and greening diseases including work on vectors and ultrastructure of the pathogens. The exocortis viroid story, as it has unfolded during the past decade, is related in an invitational article by Professor J.S. Semancik. Another invitational paper, by C.N. Roistacher, gives a comprehensive review of citrus indexing. Shoot-tip grafting as a practical means of freeing citrus budlines of pathogens is carefully described. A total of 46 papers provide results of the most recent research and observations on citrus virus and viruslike diseases in many countries.

The editorial policies for this volume differ from those of the Sixth Proceedings in that, in the interest of early publication, authors had no opportunity to approve minor editorial changes and the name-and-year system of citing refer-

ence material was used. An effort was made to preserve the style of each author. Any opinions expressed in the papers are those of the authors.

As in the Sixth Proceedings the papers are grouped into sections by subject. Most Latin binomials have been omitted from the text and appear in an addendum.

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